



WOMEN'S STATE FOURS

Solid rain didn't dampen the spirits of competitors this week in the State Finals of the Women's Fours Championships as they simply went inside out of the rain and played on a superb artificial surface under the roof of the spectacular under cover complex at Shepparton Park BC. Gob smacked is the word I'd use to describe this facility as it really does provide the ideal environment as an alternative to playing outside, and provided excellent back-up to an event that would have been very difficult to reschedule as a result of rain forcing a close to the outside greens. That said, the players seemed to settle into the environment fairly quickly and the tightness of many of the heads lay testament to that fact. The Competitions Committee introduced a new condition to the conducting of the event by limiting the time to play each sectional round game to two hours for each twelve end match. This allowed for free flowing matches with little or no necessity for players to conduct mid-green conferences relating to what shot to play or not to play.

At the end of the first day's sectional play the four clubs to emerge to the Day 2 Semi Final and State Final action were, Section 1 Ashburton, Section 2 Moama, Section 3 Colac & Section 4 a composite team from Inverloch comprising San Remo, Phillip Island and Inverloch. In the semis Ashburton's Dawn Goldsack (s), Liz Kortum, Pam Brown, Lyn Maloney beat the highly fancied Moama team of Sandra Connolly (s) Marilyn Stephenson, Merilyn Rehe. Wendy Varcoe in a very good standard match and in the other semi-final the Inverloch Composite team of Robyn Dennis (s), Jaye Allen-Dayle, Hazel Crewdson, Yvonne Kee defeated Colac led by Dianne Hynes (s), Shirley Garner, Margaret Farrell, Joy West to set up their encounter in the final with Ashburton.

Ashburton took all before them during the final and emerged winners of the Women's State Fours Championship with the final score reading 23-11. Other big winner on the day - Shepparton Park BC's under cover green and the fantastic option that it provides for the conducting of a major event that is threatened by bad weather.

Lawn Bowls - State Title Women's Fours



Pictured: Gillian Jolly (Bowls Victoria) Dawn Goldsack (s), Liz Kortu, Lyn Moloney, Pam Brown, (Ashburton) Betty Collins (Deputy President)

Ashburton four of Dawn Goldsack (s), Liz Kortum, Pam Brown and Lyn Maloney blazed their way to victory in the Women's State Fours Championship at Shepparton Park on Thursday 14 April.

It was the first time that this small metropolitan club has clinched a major title, other than wins in pennant. They were the only city four to make their way through the sectional play on Wednesday, taking some significant scalps on the way including previous winners of this event, Glen Eira McKinnon.

For most of the campaign the side was skipped by Mary Tragardh but the busy hairdresser had to return to work because of client demand leaving Dawn to step into her shoes for the semis and final and causing the club's Social Secretary Liz Kortum to be successfully recruited from the sidelines.

In the semis they made short work of the match defeating the beat the highly fancied Moama side of Sandra Connolly (s) Marilyn Stephenson, Merilyn Rehe. Wendy Varcoe 25-12, in a contest where the score did not reflect the standard of play.

After Ashburton picked up four in the first two ends, Moama won a single on the third but Ashburton then went on to lock Moama out over the next four ends picking up another 9 shots in the process, to take the score to 13-1. which included a five on the 5th.

From there they were never headed going on to win by thirteen shots.

In the final they met the Inverloch composite four of Robyn Dennis (Inverloch), Jaye Allen-Dayle (San Remo), Hazel Crewdson (Phillip Island) and Yvonne Kee (Inverloch) who earlier in the day accounted for the Colac 2 side of Dianne Hynes (s), Shirley Garner, Margaret Farrell, Joy West romping away to defeat them 10-2.

In the final Dawn and her team bolted away with a 13-1 lead after seven ends. But the South Gippslanders came back into the game to pick up three over the next two ends. But there was no holding the Ashburton side who went on to win 23-11 on the 17th end.

Semi Finals Women's State Fours - Shepparton Park

Ashburton. Dawn Goldsack (s), Liz Kortum, Pam Brown, Lyn Maloney d. **Moama.** Sandra Connolly (s) Marilyn Stephenson, Merilyn Rehe. Wendy Varcoe 15-6.

Inverloch Composite. Robyn Dennis (s), Jaye Allen-Dayle, Hazel Crewdson, d. **Colac 2.** Dianne Hynes (s), Shirley Garner, Margaret Farrell, Joy West 10-2

Final

Ashburton d. Inverloch Composite 23-11.